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By His Excellency

Thomas Chittenden

Governor, Captain General & Commander in Chief, in and over the State of Vermont

Since it is the indispensable duty of mankind suitably to notice the hand of Divine Providence, and to acknowledge the goodness of the supreme Governor of the Universe, as well in judgements as in mercy, and humbly to supplicate his blessing and protection at the opening of the year—

I, Have therefore thought fit to appoint Wednesday the twenty fifth day of April next, to be observed as a day of public Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer throughout this State. And I do hereby earnestly exhort both ministers and people of every religious denomination, to assemble in their respective congregations on that day, and with deep contrition and unfeigned penitence of heart, to confess their sins to Almighty GOD, and implore the forgiveness of them thro' the merits of the Mediator, at the same time resolving by the assistance of his grace, on a reformation of life, and to bring forth the meet fruits of holiness and virtue, earnestly beseeching him to avert all impending judgements, effect every necessary reform in government, keep us from all unhappy dissentions and insurrections; maintain a happy union between rulers and subjects; that he would graciously bless the President of the United States, and long continue him in life, and in the confidence of the people, bless the grand Council of America: guide their proceedings by wisdom, render them monuments of lasting peace, maintain union and good government between them and all the respective States and with foreign allies; that he would build churches on the true faith and fellowship of the gospel; that he would prosper all schools and seminaries of learning—so that youth may be trained up to all useful knowledge; that he would prosper our husbandry, manufactories and every branch of useful commerce; that he would deliver our land

from drought, insects and every other desolating evil,
whereby the earth may be prevented from yielding her
increase; that he would prevent wasting sickness - crown
the year with plenty, and enlarge our hearts in gratitude
for his goodness, that he would continue his blessings
to the nations of the earth in completing the glorious
revolution already begun, and restore mankind their
natural rights and liberties - break the bonds of the
haughty oppressors of mankind and establish the peaceful
and glorious kingdom of our Saviour throughout the
world

And I do hereby earnestly recommend that all servile
labor and recreation be suspended on said day

Given under my hand at Williston this the 24th day
of March in the year of our LORD one thousand seven
hundred and ninety two, and in the seventeenth year
of our Independence

Thomas Chittenden

By his Excellency Command

Josiah Fay Secretary

God Save the People